



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS BOARD  
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[Docket No. HM-74; Notice No. 71-16]

TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS  
MATERIALS

Cylinders Manufactured Outside  
United States; Reopening for Ad-  
ditional Comments

On June 10, 1971, the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board published Docket No. HM-74; Notice No. 71-16 (36 F.R. 11224), Cylinders Manufactured Outside the United States. In response to a petition, the Board extended the period for comments on this notice to November 1, 1971 (36 F.R. 13793).

Upon review of the comments filed, the Board is of the opinion that additional information would be beneficial in assisting it to arrive at a proper determination in this matter. Accordingly, the comment period is reopened for the purpose of receiving comments on the following questions:

1. Are changes to the specifications for cylinders in Part 178 of the Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations required to insure the safe quality of cylinders transported in the United States regardless of their origin? If so, what specific changes are required?

2. In the June 10, 1971 notice, it was proposed that the Board withdraw the authority presently vested in the Bureau of Explosives to approve inspectors in the United States and place within the Department the sole authority to approve both domestic and foreign inspectors. In light of that proposal, what specific qualifications and requirements should cylinder inspectors be required to meet in order to obtain and maintain Departmental approval?

To contribute to the information that will be available to the Board regarding these questions, representatives of the Office of Hazardous Materials will continue their study and examination of the specifications and inspection requirements. A full report of the examinations and the observations of Office of Hazardous Materials representatives will be placed in the docket.

Interested persons are invited to give their views on the questions posed in this notice. Communications should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received on or before June 1, 1972, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. All comments received will be available for examination by interested persons at the Office of the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, both before and after the closing date for comments.

This proposal is made under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, section 9, Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657), and title VI and section 902(h) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1421-1430 and 1472(h)).

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Chairman, Hazardous  
Materials Regulations Board.

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